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Group Art Unit	3679
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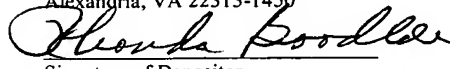
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.
☐ other than a small entity.
☒ Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below.

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

FEE: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$25 =	\$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$100 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$180 =	\$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	\$

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$_____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____.

☐ Charge Account No. 07-1613 the sum of
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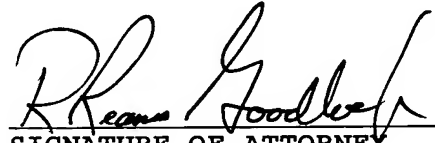
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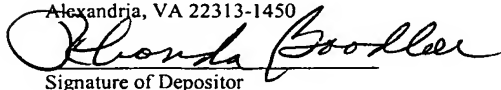
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004.

ELECTION

The applicant elects Claims 1-61, drawn to a slip coupling, classified in class 285, subclass 368.